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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR A SERVICE  
PROVIDER TO CONTROL EXPOSURE TO  
NON-PAYMENT BY A SERVICE  
CONSUMER

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND  
AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.